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SUBJECT: HUSAK VISIT TO POLAND

REF WARSAW 2203

1. WARSAW'S SPECULATION (REFTEL) ON PURPOSE OF HUSAK'S MARCH 27-28
VISIT AND REASON FOR ITS VENUE APPEARS TO BE A REASONABLE
INTERPRETATION
OF AN OTHERWISE RATHER MYSTERIOUS JOURNEY. THE ONLY CONCRETE
RESULTS OF THE VISIT APPEAR TO BE THE AGREEMENT THAT JAROSZEWICZ
AND STROUGAL WILL MEET SHORTLY AND THAT GIEREK WILL LEAD A PARTY/STATE

DELEGATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA LATER THIS YEAR. THE COMMUNIQUE'S
FOCUS ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CEMA ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION HAS BEEN ECHOED IN FOLLOW-UP COMMENTARY IN
CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS.

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2. THE SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS FLAVOR OF THIS VISIT BEGAN WITH HUSAK'S
DEPARTURE, WHEN HE WAS SEEN OFF FROM PRAGUE BY STROUGAL.
SLOVAK FIRST SECRETARY LENART, CPCZ SECRETARY (IDEOLOGY)
HAVLIN AND SECRETARIAT MEMBER (CADRES) LOVETINSKY.
THE DELEGATION WHICH GREETED HIM ON HIS RETURN WAS SIGNIFICANTLY
LARGER AND HIGHER-POWERED, CONSISTING OF STROUGAL, BILAK,

KEMPNY, BARYL, HAVLIN AND LOVETINSKY. IT IS POSSIBLE TO READ SOME RATHER COMPLEX INTRA-LEADERSHIP MANEUVERING INTO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE MAKE-UP OF THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DELEGATIONS, BUT WE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMPLETELY RULE OUT THE CZECHOSLOVAK REVERENCE FOR THE INSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY WEEKEND AS THE CAUSE FOR THE DIFFERENCE. THE PRESENCE OF KEMPNY AND BARYL AT THE ARRIVAL TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT ECONOMIC MATTERS WERE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC, WHILE BILAK, HAVLIN AND LOVETINSKY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS AND ANYTHING CONCERNING THE DISSIDENT PROBLEM.

3. THE ONLY OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED AS ACCOMPANYING HUSAK TO ZAKOPANE WERE MIKULAS BENO, CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CPCZ CC GENERAL SECRETARY, AND VRATISLAV VAJNAR, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY, IN OTHER WORDS ONLY MEMBERS OF HIS PERSONAL STAFF.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE HAVE IDENTIFIED BENO AS A FORMER SLOVAK PARTY APPARATCHIK, BUT HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIM OR VAJNAR, WHOM WE ASSUME TO BE ALSO A SLOVAK. WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY DATA INR CAN PROVIDE ON THESE TWO FORMERLY ANONYMOUS CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF HUSAK.
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